

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add claims 4-17 as follows. All pending claims are presented below.

1       1. (Original) A method for threading e-mail messages, the method  
2       comprising:  
3           receiving an e-mail message;  
4           determining that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail  
5           thread containing at least one existing e-mail message and including an  
6           associated thread header;  
7           associating the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and  
8           updating a persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to  
9           include information derived from the attributes of the received e-mail  
10          message.

1       2. (Original) A system for threading e-mail messages, comprising:  
2           a mailbox processor module for receiving e-mails;  
3           a mailbox, communicatively coupled to the mailbox processor module, for  
4           electronically storing e-mail messages;  
5           a threading engine, communicatively coupled to the mailbox processor  
6           module, for determining that a received e-mail is related to an existing  
7           thread of e-mail messages stored in the mailbox and associating the  
8           received e-mail with the existing thread.

1       3. (Original) A computer program product for threading e-mail messages, the  
2       program product stored on a computer readable medium and adapted to perform the  
3       operations of:  
4           receiving an e-mail message;

5 determining that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail  
6 thread containing at least one existing e-mail message and including an  
7 associated thread header;  
8 associating the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and  
9 updating a persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to include  
10 information derived from the attributes of the received e-mail message.

1 4. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header  
2 includes a subject of the e-mail thread.

1 5. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header  
2 includes an originator of the e-mail thread.

1 6. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header  
2 includes indicia of the number of messages in the thread.

1 7. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the persistent thread header  
2 includes a time that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1 8. (New) The system of claim 2 wherein the threading engine additionally  
2 updates a thread header associated with the existing thread.

1 9. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes a subject  
2 of the e-mail thread.

1 10. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes an  
2 originator of the e-mail thread.

1           11. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes indicia  
2         of the number of messages in the thread.

1           12. (New) The system of claim 8 wherein the thread header includes a time  
2         that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1           13. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent  
2         thread header includes a subject of the e-mail thread.

1           14. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent  
2         thread header includes an originator of the e-mail thread.

1           15. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent thread  
2         header includes indicia of the number of messages in the thread.

1           16. (New) The computer program product of claim 3 wherein the persistent thread  
2         header includes a time that the e-mail thread was most recently updated.

1           17. (New) A system for threading e-mail messages, comprising:  
2         receiving means, for receiving an e-mail message;  
3         determining means, communicatively coupled to the receiving means, for determining  
4         that the e-mail message is related to an e-mail thread, the e-mail thread containing at  
5         least one existing e-mail message and including an associated thread header;  
6         associating means, communicatively coupled to the determining means, for associating  
7         the received e-mail message with the e-mail thread; and

8 updating means, communicatively coupled to the associating means, for updating a  
9 persistent thread header associated with the e-mail thread to include information  
10 derived from the attributes of the received e-mail message.